



PRESS RELEASE

Attica Group 5th Environmental Initiative

Lesvos, 6 & 7 May 2023

“Sailing Together” to protect our environment and seas

As part of our "SAILING TOGETHER" responsibility and sustainability programme, Attica Group has successfully completed the 5th of a series of initiatives aiming to clean the seabed of our islands and protect their marine life.

Following the preceding successful environmental initiatives in Naxos, Kos, Santorini and Paros, the destination to follow was Lesvos. There, our 62 employees with the support of 6 members of their families, along with 20 volunteers from [Aegean Rebreath](#), worked with patience in an effort to carry out underwater and coastal cleaning of Panagiouda port and beach cleaning at the north of Panagiouda palm forest.

The initiative was embraced by the island Authorities and was carried out in cooperation with the Municipality of Mytilene, Panagiouda Village Authorities, the Mytilene Port Authority, the Municipal Port Fund of Lesvos, the Ephorate of Marine Antiquities and the University of the Aegean, Department of Oceanography and Marine Life Sciences.

We take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Panagiotis Violatzis, who, among other, offered the use of his fishing boat to facilitate our work. It is worth mentioning that 4 Sudanese refugees being hosted at the nearby refugee structure voluntarily assisted our work.

In the course of the action, the volunteers collected and sorted out, from the seabed:

1,890 objects and 15 sacks of plastic and synthetic polymer objects, **69** wheels and tyres, **212** objects from textile, **589** metallic objects, **124** glass/ceramics, **21** paper/cardboard objects, **50kg** of nets and **1,000** kg of chemicals (oils/tar).

In addition to the above, on Sunday, 7th May, a sampling was carried out to detect and collect micro-plastics from Chryssi Ammos beach.

The aim of these actions is to instil volunteerism and cooperation among our employees and raise awareness within the local communities on issues such as environmental protection, circular economy and sustainable development.

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